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SUBJECT:VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. WASHINGTON NATIONAL RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS HAS CALLED
AND RELAYED FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM THEIR SUBIC
REPRESENTATIVE:

QUOTE NAVAL AUTHORITIES THIS STATION ADVISE OF STRONG POS-
SIBILITY 65 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO LANDED AT PUERTO
PRINCESA, PHILIPPINES, WILL BE DENIED ENTRY TO REPUBLIC
PHILIPPINES. EXPECT PHILIPPINE NAVY TO ESCORT THEIR SHIP
TO SUBIC BAY. NAVAL AUTHORITIES' INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT TO
ALLOW REFUGEES TO LAND. FULLY EXPECT REFUGEES TO HAVE TO
REMAIN ON SHIP IN HARBOR WHILE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN U.S.
AND PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT DETERMINE DISPOSITION. NAVAL
AUTHORITIES ADVISE THEY HAVE NO AUTHORIZATION OR FUNDS TO
PROVIDE REFUGEES WITH BASIC NECESSITIES. REQUESTING ARC
MEET BASIC NEEDS UNTIL AUTHORIZATION RECEIVED FROM WASHING-
TON FOR EXPENDITURES. NAVAL AUTHORITIES UNABLE MAKE RE-
QUEST UNTIL REFUGEES ARRIVE AND DELAY EXPECTED IN RESPONSE.
SHOULD REFUGEES ARRIVE AND OFFICIAL REQUEST MADE TO
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AMERICAN RED CROSS CAN THIS OFFICE HAVE AUTHORIZATION TO

PROVIDE REFUGEES WITH BASIC NEEDS UNTIL NAVAL AUTHORITY
FUNDING RECEIVED? END QUOTE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON WHETHER
THERE STILL SEEMS ANY LIKELIHOOD OF SUCH A SCENARIO
DEVELOPING. WASHINGTON NATIONAL RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS
HAS AGREED TO SEND REASSURINGLY NON-COMMITTAL REPLY TO
SUBIC RED CROSS, BUT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF EMBASSY COULD
ALSO CHECK WITH SUBIC TO MAKE SURE WE ARE ALL SPEAKING
IN ONE VOICE.

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